

HOUSE No. 59

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, petition of Scott P. Brown and
others relative to the selection of presidential electors. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Scott P. Brown Bruce E. Tarr
Richard T. Moore

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ALLOWING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT APPORTIONMENT OF
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “electors”, in line 15, the following
4 words:— One presidential elector shall be chosen from each con-
5 gressional district and two presidential electors shall be chosen at
6 large. Each presidential elector chosen from a congressional dis-
7 trict shall reside in the congressional district for which the presi-
8 dential elector is chosen.

1 SECTION 2. Section 78A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “commonwealth”, in line 8, the following
4 words:— and a resident of the congressional district in which he
5 or she elected as applicable.

1 SECTION 3. Section 151 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out all after “elected” in line 2 and by striking out lines 3
4 through 6 and inserting in its place the following:— a presidential

5 elector shall be chosen equal to one elector and each congres-
6 sional district in the commonwealth and two electors at large.
7 The presidential electors of each congressional district shall cast
8 their ballots for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates
9 who received the largest number of votes in each respective con-
10 gressional district. The presidential electors at large shall cast
11 their ballots for the presidential and vice presidential candidates
12 who received the largest number of votes in the commonwealth.
13 Presidential electors shall be chosen by the voters of the common-
14 wealth in the manner and with the effect provided by section
15 seventy eight.